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FOLLOWING DATA REFLECTS COUNTRY TEAM JUDGEMENTS ON YOUTH IN
MALTA:

I. YOUTH CATEGORIES

A. PERCENTAGE WEIGHTS:

SIXTY PERCENT - YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS

FIFTEEN PERCENT - YOUNG BUREAUCRATS - OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

TEN PERCENT - YOUNG PROFESSIONALS - MEDIA, BUSINESS AND
INDUSTRY, EDUCATION.

TEN PERCENT - YOUNG LABOR LEADERS

FIVE PERCENT - LEADERS OF NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS
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INCLUDING UNIVERSITY AND CHURCH AFFILIATED.

B. RATIONALE: POTENTIAL YOUNG POLITICAL AND LABOR UNION LEADERS QUICKLY IDENTIFIED, NURTURED AND ABSORBED BY BOTH OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND UNIONS IN MALTA. YOUNG MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ARE OFTEN LEADERS IN OTHER AREAS AS WELL, E. G., LAW, NEWS MEDIA, UNIONS, ETC. DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS AND STRONG PARTY YOUTH MOVEMENTS ASSIGN HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUNGER MEMBERS EARLY. YOUNG CIVIL SERVANTS USEFUL MISSION CONTACTS AND GENERALLY MOST EFFECTIVE IN DAY- TO- DAY MISSION/ GOM BUSINESS. MANY MEDIA AND BUSINESS LEADERS UNUSUALLY YOUNG IN MALTA. EDITORS OF LABOR PAPERS IN LATE TWENTIES; BROADCASTING AUTHORITY AND MALTA TV EXECUTIVES IN MED- THIRTIES.

C. REAL POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND INFLUENCE, HOWEVER, IN BOTH OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES, TRADE UNION AND CHURCH REMAINS IN HANDS OF MIDDLE AGED OR OLDER FIGURES PROMINENT FOR PAST TWENTY YEARS, ALTHOUGH YOUNGER FIGURES CLEARLY MOVING INTO MORE PROMINENCE. YOUTH WINGS OF LABOR AND NATIONALIST PARTIES HAVE DEFINITE INTERNATIONAL INTERESTS, CONTACTS AND PERHAPS INFLUENCE. LABOR LEAGUE OF YOUTH MODERATELY LEFT WITH STRONG SOCIALIST YOUTH AND BUDDING NEUTRALIST, EASTERN EUROPEAN AND ARAB WORLD TIES POTENTIALLY INIMICAL TO US INTERESTS IN LONGER TERM.

II. OBJECTIVES

A. PERCENTAGE WEIGHTS:

THIRTY PERCENT - DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH
POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERS

TWENTY PERCENT - ENCOURAGE COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES

FIFTEEN PERCENT - PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND INFLUENCE ATTITUDES
ON BROAD US GOALS AND POLICIES AND SPECIFIC
US INTERESTS.

TEN PERCENT - ENCOURAGE PRAGMATIC, NON- IDEOLOGICAL
APPROACHES TO NATIONAL PROBLEMS

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TEN PERCENT - HELP STRENGTHEN MODERATE, DEMOCRATIC GROUPS
AND INDIVIDUALS

TEN PERCENT - COUNTER ACTIVITIES OF FORCES HOSTILE TO U. S.
INTERESTS

FIVE PERCENT - FOSTER CLIMATE CONDUCTIVE TO BILATERAL TRADE
AND U. S. INVESTMENT.

B. RATIONALE: FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE AND PROBABLY AT
DIRECTION OF MALTA LABOR PARTY LEADERSHIP, YOUNG LABOR PARTY
AND UNION YOUTH GROUPS HAVE EXPANDED CONTACTS WITH INTERNATIONAL
SOCIALIST AND LEFTIST COUNTERPARTS. IN FACE OF THIS, U. S.
MOTIVATIONS, ACTIONS AND POLICIES NEED CONSTANT EXPLANATION
AND REINFORCEMENT TO INSURE FUTURE LEADERS ATTENTION TO AND
RESPECT FOR WESTERN DEMOCRATIC TRADITIONS AND VALUES. THIS IS
MOST READILY ACCOMPLISHED BY DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS WITH
POTENTIAL LEADERS, WHO ARE RELATIVELY EASILY IDENTIFIABLE IN
THIS GENERALLY HIERARCHICAL SOCIAL SYSTEM. OTHER
OBJECTIVES NEED LESS EMPHASIS HERE.

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III. RESOURCES

A. PERCENTAGE WEIGHTS:

THIRTY PERCENT - CU IVP TRAVEL GRANTS

TWENTY PERCENT - USIA INFO AND CULTURAL PROGRAM

TWENTY PERCENT - PEACE CORPS PROGRAM

FIFTEEN PERCENT - CU STAG PROGRAM

TEN PERCENT - CU FULL YEAR GRANT TO AMERICAN PROFESSOR
(LECTURING)

FIVE PERCENT - CIP, UNIVERSITY STUDENT EXCHANGE, SALZBURG
SEMINAR PROGRAM

A. IMPROVEMENTS: INSTITUTION ON PERMANENT BASIS OF CU FULL
YEAR GRANT TO AMERICAN PROFESSOR AS VISITING LECTURER AT ROYAL
UNIVERSITY OF MALTA WOULD BE IN DEFINITE SUPPORT OF MISSION
OVERALL AND YOUTH OBJECTIVES. PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE IN EARLY
1960'S WITH AMERICAN "FULBRIGHT" SCHOLARS VERY POSITIVE.
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RESTORATION OF "FULBRIGHT" TYPE PROGRAM MUCH DESIRED BY
UNIVERSITY, EDUCATION MINISTRY AND POLITICAL LEADERS.

B. PRIVATE RESOURCES: MISSION SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AND UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
"YEAR ABROAD" PROGRAMS AT RUM. PROGRAM COULD BE IMPROVED IF
DEPT/UNIV COULD ARRANGE FOR MALTESE GRAD STUDENTS TO ATTEND
US UNIV ON EXCHANGE BASIS.

C. PEACE CORPS: EXCELLENT CONTACT AND PROGRAM WORK
BY PCV WITH UNIV AND SECONDARY SCHOOL YOUTH, EXPANDED PCV
PRESENCE DEFINITE ASSET TO MISSION YOUTH EFFORT.

IV. RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF "YOUTH".

A. WEIGHT

ABOVE AVERAGE.

B. AS BRIEFLY EXPLAINED IN I C ABOVE, PRESENT LEADERSHIP
IS OLDER AND WELL-ENTRENCHED. NEVERTHELESS, LARGE NUMBER
YOUNG LEADERS IN CERTAIN KEY ROLES, PARTICULARLY NEWS MEDIA,
MEANS THAT MISSION'S DAILY ACTIVITY NORMALLY INCLUDES
SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGES WITH NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN IMPORTANT
POSITIONS AND SPECIAL EFFORT AIMED EXCLUSIVELY AT "YOUTH"
CONTACT THEREFORE NOT REQUIRED.

C. RESOURCE SPECIFICALLY FOR YOUTH:

A. PERSONNEL TIME

A) PERCENTAGE - TEN PERCENT

TOTAL MAN MONTHS - THREE

B) CONTACT WORK - SIXTY PERCENT

REPORTING - TWENTY PERCENT

PROGRAM WORK - TWENTY PERCENT

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C) STATE - FIFTY PERCENT

USIA - THIRTY PERCENT

DOD - TEN PERCENT

OTHER - TEN PERCENT

2. PROGRAM RESOURCES: TWENTY PERCENT - CU BUDGET

TWENTY PERCENT - USIA BUDGET

AID BUDGET APPLICATION STILL TO BE DETER-
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